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Commissioner for Patents
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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

REMARKS

Each of the listed Japanese documents was cited in a Japanese Official Action of a counterpart foreign patent application corresponding to the above-referenced application. The Official Action was mailed on November 21, 2000. The Official Action and a translation thereof are enclosed. The documents cited in the Official Action may be pertinent for the reasons noted therein.

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Abstracts for Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Nos. 62-189823, 55-120249, 56-2765, 9-506226, 5-167565, 5-252085, and 60-167533 were obtained from a commercial database and are enclosed herewith.

According to the database, U.S. Patent No. 5,659,350 (Hendricks, et al.) is in the family of Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 9-506226.

It will be appreciated that Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Nos. 5-252165, 59-135948, 4-306934, 6-252896, 61-210745, 5-252087, and 63-194426, which were listed in the Official Action, were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 27, 2000.

FORMAL MATTERS

Any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.



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